

POST-MARRIAGE SPIRITUAL COMMITMENT SERVICE PRINCIPLES

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1. Marriages can be legally officiated by a variety of persons in the state of Florida and are known to have varying formats and conduct.
(Persons authorized to perform marriages. . . <http://www.stateoflorida.com/getting-married-in-florida.aspx>. . . All regularly ordained ministers of the gospel or elders in communion with some church, or other ordained clergy, and all judicial officers, including retired judicial officers, clerks of the circuit courts, and notaries public of this state may solemnize the rights of matrimonial contract, under the regulations prescribed by law. See statute 741.07: http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0700-0799/0741/0741.html)
2. Pastor David Starkey has determined that he will no longer act as an agent of the State to perform legal marriage ceremonies.
3. However, Pastor Starkey will coordinate a Post-Marriage Spiritual Commitment Service that:
 - a. occurs some time after a legal ceremony has been completed
 - b. is a worship service that is holy and respectful
 - c. is between two Christians
 - d. is a monumental life-occasion
 - e. recognizes that marriage is ordained by God
 - f. is a dedication before God
 - g. is a humbling and tender experience
 - h. is an extension of the Church
4. As a Spiritual service. . .
 - a. The dress of the Post-Marriage Spiritual Commitment Service participants must be modest and not revealing (no exposed breasts, mid-riff, thigh, etc.) (if in doubt, don't wear it)
 - b. The conduct of the attenders must be worshipful (No practical jokes associated with the service)
 - c. As all activities surrounding a Post-Marriage Spiritual Commitment Service are extensions of the Church and of the Kingdom of God, the wedding reception activities must be in keeping with the Post-Marriage Spiritual Commitment Service . The reception must be decent, orderly, respectful, and non-alcoholic.
5. Pastor Starkey limits conducting a Post-Marriage Spiritual Commitment Service to those who are affiliated with Servants' Quarters Fellowship Church because
 - a. multiple counseling sessions are required for all such services
 - b. these services should be an extension of the Church one attends.
6. For those who are unmarried and living together, who desire a Post-Marriage Spiritual Commitment Service, a period of time apart and celibacy while participating in counseling is required.
7. Pastor Starkey's pre-marital counseling should in no way be construed as a guarantee that a Post-Marriage Spiritual Commitment Service will be conducted. Unspiritual attitudes, lifestyles, incompatibilities, indecision, conduct, etc., are all grounds for suggesting a couple not marry, or have a Post-Marriage Spiritual Commitment Service coordinated by Pastor Starkey.
8. Post-Marriage Spiritual Commitment Services are celebrations of unity. The wife's having taken the name of her husband is a necessary requirement for the service.

Signatures:

Pastor _____ / Groom to be _____ / Bride to be _____

Date: _____ Date: _____ Date: _____